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Craig Thompson represents clients in both federal and state courts in the areas of commercial litigation, product liability, premises liability and personal injury. As chair of Venable's diversity committee, he leads the firm's inclusion and diversity initiatives.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Product Liability and Toxic
Torts

Commercial Litigation

Mr. Thompson is an assertive trial lawyer and legal counselor with over ten years of experience handling civil cases before federal and state courts throughout Maryland. His analytical orientation and knowledge of technology, legal and business administration enable him to resolve numerous plaintiff cases by assessing liability and developing risk management strategies.

His professional motto -- "add value and provide solutions" -- has guided him throughout his career.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland

District of Columbia

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Mr. Thompson's clients range from Fortune 500 corporations to mezzanine-level companies. He has also has built a thriving practice representing pharmacies in claims of alleged drug misfills.

He was a member of the trial team that negotiated a multi-billion dollar settlement for the State of Maryland, the largest in Maryland history.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the team that defended a major pharmaceutical company in national litigation over one of its products, identifying and developing expert witnesses.

Along with Venable's Jim Archibald, he handled a multi-defendant personal injury claim on behalf of a major paint manufacturer.

He represented an international retailer in its defense against a commercial racial profiling claim.

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court of the
District of Maryland

U.S. District Court for the
District of Columbia

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Maryland
School of Law, 1995

Listed in *Who's Who
Among American Law
Students*

Alumni Association Award
(presented to a member of
the graduating class who
exhibits outstanding service
to the law school through
qualities of character and
leadership)

"Proud and Positive" Award

President - BLSA

President - Law School

ACTIVITIES

Mr. Thompson serves as an adjunct professor and lecturer for an upper-level, pre-law course at the University of Maryland, College Park, and is an elected member of the University's board of trustees.

He has lectured at Georgetown University School of Law, Howard University School of Law, Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, Washington and Lee School of Law and the College of William and Mary School of Law. He also was a featured keynote speaker at the Sylvania Woods Conference, American University Washington College of Law, 2005

In 2004 Mr. Thompson was appointed by the Superintendent of the Maryland State Department of Education to a special three-person panel charged with probing the financial, administrative and managerial practices of the Baltimore City Public School System.

He has served on the board of directors of both the Hospice of Baltimore and the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum.

Debate Society

B.A., University of
Maryland, 1992
(Dual Degree)

Listed in *Who's Who
Among Students in
American Colleges and
Universities*

Dean's List

Outstanding Attorney –
Eastern Regional
Intercollegiate Mock Trial
Tournament

Byrd/Elkins Outstanding
Male Senior Finalist

OMSE Award for Academic
Excellence

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Maryland Bar Association

Bar Association of
Baltimore City

Monumental City Bar
Association

International Association of
Defense Counsel (IADC)

J. Dudley Digges Inn of
Court

Maryland Defense Counsel

Defense Research Institute
(DRI)

Fellow – Litigation Counsel
of America (LCA)

